

CLAIMS

1. A starch composition comprising a first fraction comprising cross-linked starch and at least a second fraction comprising depolymerised starch.
2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first fraction comprises starch cross-linked by using sodium trimetaphosphate, phosphorus oxytrichloride or adipic anhydride.
3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said first fraction further comprises stabilised starch.
4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein said first fraction is stabilised by hydroxyalkylation.
5. A composition according to anyone of claims 1 to 4 wherein said second fraction comprises depolymerised starch obtained by oxidation.
6. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein said second fraction further comprises stabilised starch.
7. A composition according to claim 6 wherein said second fraction is stabilised by acetylation.
8. A composition according to anyone of claims 1-7 wherein said starch is derived from potato.
9. ~~Use of a starch composition according to anyone of claims 1 to 8 in the preparation of a foodstuff.~~
10. ~~Use according to claim 9 wherein the use of said composition at least partly replaces the use of gelatine in said foodstuff.~~
11. ~~Use according to claim 9 or 10 wherein said foodstuff comprises confectionery.~~
12. ~~A method for preparing a thickened foodstuff comprising mixing a starch composition according to anyone of claims 1 to 8 with a water-based liquid.~~
13. ~~A method according to claim 12 wherein said foodstuff comprises confectionery.~~

14. ~~Foodstuff comprising a starch composition according to anyone of claims 1 to 8.~~
15. ~~Confectionery comprising a starch composition according to anyone of claims 1 to 8.~~

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